

**TRI TOWN BOARD
Of Water Commissioners
Braintree, Holbrook, Randolph
Braintree Town Hall**

MINUTES

June 25, 2015

PRESENT: Chairman, Joseph Sullivan, Mayor, Town of Braintree; Richard Brewer, Town of Randolph, Bill Phelan, Town Administrator, Town of Holbrook.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lou Dutton, Barbara Mello, Ben Eccord, Ben Fehan, Robyn LaFrance, recording secretary.

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 11:15 am.

MINUTES: the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: by Rich Brewer to accept Minutes of June 4, 2015.

SECOND: by Bill Phelan

VOTE: Unanimous

Tri Town update: Mayor Sullivan

- Mayor Sullivan noted that Bill Phelan is leaving his position with the Town of Holbrook and he expressed appreciation for Bill's input on the Tri Town Board.
- Mayor reiterated the June 4 conference call with Beth Card.
- Braintree did a new rate study analysis of the three options; 1. Tri Town Water Treatment Plant, 2. Braintree's own water treatment plant and 3. MWRA. This analysis was compiled by the Town Finance Director, Ed Spellman and the Abrams Group.
- The Tri Town plant would be split 50/50 with Braintree assuming 50% of the cost and Holbrook and Randolph splitting 50% to be determined by Holbrook and Randolph.
- The State will match 50/50 of the \$41-43 million cost if the Board moves forward with the Tri Town plant plan.
- Due to the new rate study analysis, it is in Braintree's best interest to either build the Tri Town plant or be on its own and use the available State aid, unless the MWRA has a new offer.
- Randolph Town Council voted to move forward with the Tri Town water plant.
- Holbrook did a rate analysis in the past that still applies. Even with a State subsidy and the MWRA, Holbrook is subsidizing Randolph's water. Holbrook will be in a better position than before. With the MWRA, water cost is based on usage. With the Tri Town plant, water will be based on consumption. Holbrook is different than Randolph and Braintree. Rate increase will be smaller with building the Tri Town plant than with the MWRA. The Holbrook Board of Selectmen prefers the MWRA if all things were equal, however, they realize the arrangement with Randolph and Braintree and agree to move forward and build the Tri Town plant.
- All three towns agree and the next step is a formal presentation to boards/council.
- Mayor Sullivan reiterated for public record that the water supply has more capacity than has been recorded and that DEP signed off on the water size.
- Mayor Sullivan will reach out to Secretary Matt Beaton

- Rich Brewer acknowledged the level of thoroughness with the Tri Town Board’s work and made motion.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer that the Tri Town Water Board vote to endorse the regional water treatment plant and for Mayor Sullivan to seek a meeting with Secretary Beaton.

SECOND: by Bill Phelan

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to enter into a Tri Town Agreement and seek support from the State.

SECOND: by Bill Phelan

VOTE: Unanimous

Richardi Pump: Lou Dutton

- The pump is meant to run continuously and some parts are deteriorated therefore the entire pump needs to be repaired. The pump shaft tube is underwater so deterioration occurs. The constant motion avoids this when operating properly. The cost will be approximately \$150,000 and \$20,000 – \$25,000 to repair some of it. Lou will get a quote on the repair.
- The Board questioned whether or not this repair is considered an emergency. A cost over \$25,000 needs to go out to bid.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to declare the need to repair the pump an emergency and have Lou Dutton get three quotes

SECOND: by Bill Phelan

VOTE: Unanimous

Dam Inspection: Lou Dutton

- The Tri Town Board received two letters of Notice of Failure to Comply with Dam Safety Order dated June 11, 2015 for Great Pond Dam and Great Pond Upper Reservoir Dam. Copies of the letters were distributed to all Board members. Both letters need a reply and to demonstrate compliance with a follow up inspection within 30 days. DCR could levy fines of up to \$500 per day, per inspection starting July 17, 2015.
- The Phase 1 Inspection will stop when a permit to build is obtained.
- The cost of inspections should be \$4,000 and Lou Dutton provided each Board member with copies of two proposals from CDM and Pare Corp. The CDM Inspection was \$9,000 and Pare Corp shows a much lower cost of \$3700.
- Mayor Sullivan noted the need to respond to both letters dated July 11, 2015 because there will be fines imposed, and to note that DCR is difficult to work with. Lou Dutton will draft the two response letters.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to award the Dam Inspection to Pare Corp not to exceed \$3,700

SECOND: by Mayor Sullivan

VOTE: Unanimous

- Lou Dutton noted that the follow up inspection can be done by the Town, by a P.E., and that Bob Campbell will go out with Lou to do this.
- Mayor Sullivan again thanked Bill Phelan for representing the Town of Holbrook on the Tri Town Board.

- Mayor Sullivan will contact Secretary Matthew Beaton to schedule a visit and a meeting.

MOTION: By Rich Brewer to adjourn meeting at 12:30 pm.

SECOND: by Mayor Sullivan

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn LaFrance

Recording Secretary